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SUBJECT: DECREE LIMITING VEGETABLE OIL CONSUMPTION FROM
IMPORTED OILSEEDS (SOYBEANS)

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1. AGATT REPORTED REF A THAT GOS PLANS TO LIMIT DOMESTIC
CONSUMPTION OF VEGETABLE OILS DURING MARKETING YEAR 76/77
OBTAINED FROM IMPORTED OILSEEDS, PRIMARILY U.S. SOYBEANS.
WE NOTE THAT PROPOSED LIMIT OF 170,000 TONS IS WELL BELOW
THE 230,000 TONS OF SOYBEAN OILS SOLD IN 1976. MINISTRIES
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OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE SHALL INSTITUTE INSPECTIONS
AND CONTROL SYSTEM TO ASSURE MARKETING DESTINATIONS AND
PRESCRIBED UTILIZATION OF SOYBEAN OIL.

2. AGATT NOTES GOS ACTION DESIGNED TO LIMIT MARKETING
OF OIL OBTAINED FROM IMPORTED SEEDS, PRIMARILY SOYBEANS.
AS U.S. NEGOTIATED SOYBEANS CONCESSION AT TIME OF SPANISH

ACCESSION TO GATT, 1963, WE NEED DETAILS, ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PART 7 OF ROYAL DECREE 3076/1976 INCLUDING USE OF EXPORT SUBSIDIES, BY CABLE IN ORDER DETERMINE IF IMPAIRMENT OF BINDINGS INVOLVED.

3.

IN 1974, USG RESPONDED TO IMPOSITION OF VARIABLE LEVY ON SOYBEANS WITH AMBASSADORIAL DEMARCHE TO GOS TO URGE POSITIVE DECISION TO TERMINATE MEASURES IMMEDIATELY. GOS, AFTER REVIEW, QUIETLY TERMINATED VL ON MAR. 1, 1974.

4. AS IN 1974, PRESENT GOS ACTION MAY HAVE RESULTED FROM A DECISION BY A MINISTRY OF COMMERCE OFFICIAL UNAWARE OF GATT COMMITMENT.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO MAKE EARLY INFORMAL APPROACH TO APPROPRIATE GOS OFFICIAL TO EXPRESS USG CONCERN THAT THIS ACTION TO LIMIT CONSUMPTION OF VEGETABLE OIL FROM IMPORTED OILSEEDS MAY IMPAIR GATT BINDING ON SOYBEANS. VANCE

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